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SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ASSAD
FROM THE SECRETARY. (THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO SIGNED
ORIGINAL TO BE POUCHED FOR DELIVERY.)

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO THANK YOU, ON BEHALF
OF MY WIFE, MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF, FOR THE WARM,
GENEROUS HOSPITALITY WHICH WAS EXTENDED TO US AND TO OUR
PARTY DURING OUR STAY IN DAMASCUS. I WAS DELIGHTED TO BE
ABLE TO ESCORT MY WIFE ON HER FIRST VISIT TO SYRIA SO THAT
SHE COULD SHARE IN THE WARMTH OF YOUR RECEPTION AND SEE SOME
OF YOUR LOVELY COUNTRY.

MY VISITS TO DAMASCUS WERE MOST USEFUL IN PURSUING THE
DIALOGUE WHICH WE BEGAN LAST FEBRUARY. I APPRECIATE YOUR
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FRANKNESS AND FORTHRIGHTNESS IN THE DISCUSSION OF ISSUES
WITH WHICH WE MUST GRAPPLE IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

I AM ENCOURAGED THAT WE SHARE A SIMILAR DEDICATION TO THE
QUEST FOR PEACE AND HARMONY IN THE AREA AND A COMMON

INTEREST IN CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO

COUNTRIES. OUR DISCUSSIONS HAVE, I BELIEVE, SHARPENED
OUR PERCEPTIONS OF THE REMAINING ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED IN
OUR COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR.

I HOPE THAT OUR FUTURE EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARD PEACE WILL
CONTINUE IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND
MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND THAT WE WILL REMAIN UNIFIED IN OUR
DETERMINATION TO SECURE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL
OF THE PEOPLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION IF SARG WISHES TO DO SO. VANCE

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